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## **State Parks Sets March 14 Meeting in Santa Barbara on Proposed Acquisition of the Rochin Adobe as Addition to El Presidio De Santa Barbara State Historic Park**

The California Department of Parks and Recreation will hold a hearing on the proposed acquisition of the Rochin Adobe as an addition to El Presidio De Santa Barbara State Historic Park on Thursday, March 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Townley Room of the Santa Barbara Central Library at 40 East Anapamu Street in Santa Barbara. The facility has adjacent public parking and is accessible to persons with disabilities.

The department will receive public comment on its proposal to acquire from a willing seller the 12,000 square foot property, which includes the Rochin Adobe at 820 Santa Barbara Street. The Adobe was built in 1856 with the original adobe bricks salvaged from the original El Presidio de Santa Barbara structures. The 2,198 square foot Rochin Adobe is a designated Santa Barbara Historic Landmark. Also on the parcel to be acquired are an 864 square foot cottage moved to the site about 1900 and various small outbuildings. The Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation currently owns the parcel and structures.

The purpose of the hearing is to record comments from local public officials and the general public on reasons the adobe should or should not be acquired for state park purposes. A brief introductory presentation by State Parks staff will precede the formal receipt of comments.

An official notice of the meeting and a map of the proposed zone of acquisition interest have been provided to the hearing location library for posting. They are also available at [www.parks.ca.gov](http://www.parks.ca.gov).

Written comments will also be accepted at the hearing or subsequent to the hearing if received no later than March 28, 2002. Written comments may be either mailed to Warren Westrup, Chief, Office of Acquisition and Real Property Services, California Department of Parks and Recreation, One Capitol Mall, Suite 500, Sacramento, CA 95814, faxed to (916) 327-7307 or e-mailed to [smill@parks.ca.gov](mailto:smill@parks.ca.gov)

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